

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 120
By Herron

A RESOLUTION to recognize Michael Barton Boehmler, Kyle Andrew Staron, John Pierce Young, John Eric Robertson, and Michael Caleb McLaughlin on becoming Eagle Scouts.

WHEREAS, at a time when this nation's youth face difficult challenges, the Boy Scouts of America is one of our finest assets, providing young people with an educational program that contributes significantly to character development, citizenship training, and improved mental and physical fitness; and

WHEREAS, the highest rank a Boy Scout can attain is that of Eagle Scout, and Michael Boehmler, Kyle Staron, John Young, Eric Robertson, and Caleb McLaughlin, after considerable effort and diligent preparation, have joined the prestigious Eagle Court of Honor; and

WHEREAS, all of the young men attend Dyersburg Middle School, with the exception of Caleb McLaughlin, who attends Three Oaks Middle School, and they have all demonstrated considerable ability as leaders among their peers; and

WHEREAS, the son of Bill and Judy Boehmler, Michael, age 14, organized several other scouts over a number of weeks and painted house numbers on the curbs in front of each house

over quite a few blocks; these numbers will be of assistance to police, fire, and other emergency agencies; and

WHEREAS, Michael Boehmler is a member of the Junior Beta Club and has participated in the Duke University Talent Identification Program and the Intellectual Talent Program; he is a player for the Dyersburg Middle School football team, a wrestling award recipient, a member of the Dyersburg Middle School choir, and a participant in the Math Counts Competition; and

WHEREAS, the son of Brian and Carol Staron, Kyle, age 14, planned, organized, and carried out a community-wide "Pack the Pantry" event for the Ronald McDonald House in Memphis; this facility is a home away from home for fifty-four families who have children being treated at St. Jude's Children's Hospital; and

WHEREAS, Kyle Staron is a member of the Junior Beta Club and has participated in the Duke University Talent Identification Program and the Intellectual Talent Program; he has been on the honor roll throughout school and has been selected by school faculty to serve on the Middle and High School Peer Mediation Council; he plays on the Dyersburg Middle School football and basketball teams, sings in the school's choir, and has been selected as a member of the 2001 Quad-State Junior High Honors Choir; he is an active member of the West Dyersburg Church of Christ; and

WHEREAS, the son of Stan and Lynn Young, John, age 14, set up a booth at Youth Day of his county's fair, and with the help of other scouts and the cooperation of the police department he finger-printed and made videos of over 200 children; these videos and finger-print cards can now be used by the parents as permanent child identification records; and

WHEREAS, John Young is a member of the Junior Beta Club and sings in the school's choir at Dyersburg Middle School; he is a player on the football team and is a representative on the Youth Council of the First United Methodist Church in Dyersburg; and

WHEREAS, the son of James and Kathy Robertson, Eric, age 14, organized the construction of fifty bird houses to be placed on a new nature trail in Dyer County; his was the first project done for the trail by anyone other than the trail developers; and

WHEREAS, Eric Robertson is a member of the Dyersburg Middle School Junior Beta Club, and he sings in the school's choir and plays on the football team; he is an active member of the Youth Group at the First Baptist Church in Dyersburg; and

WHEREAS, the son of Michael and Rhonda McLaughlin, Caleb, age 13, with the help of the Dyersburg Lion's Club, collected over 600 pairs of used eyeglasses and sunglasses to be repaired and then distributed to sight-impaired people all over the world; and

WHEREAS, Caleb McLaughlin is in the Silver Academic Club at Three Oaks Middle School and is a participant in the school's Leadership Club; he serves as manager for the basketball team, is a member of the school's band, and has received the Lion's Club Community Service Award; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that we should pause to recognize these exemplary Eagle Scouts as some of the most outstanding young people in our state; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we hereby applaud and honor Michael, Kyle, John, Eric, and Caleb upon becoming Eagle Scouts, and we extend to them our best wishes for success in all of their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final resolving clause omitted from such copies.